



AUSTRALIA

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DEMOGRAPHY**1978-79 1983-84 1988-89****Population and vitals**

Population at 30 June	'000	14,515.7	15,579.4	16,806.7
aged less than 15	%	25.6	24.0	21.3
aged 15-64	%	65.0	65.9	67.2
aged 65 and over	%	9.4	10.1	11.5
Births	'000	223	241	p250
overseas born	%	n.a.	21.1	22.2
Australian born	%	n.a.	78.9	77.8
Deaths	'000	108	111	p119
Marriages	'000	104	115	p120
Divorces	'000	40	42	p40

Overseas movements

Net permanent and				
long-term movement	'000	+58	+47	+137
Visitor arrivals, short-term	'000	700	992	2,220
Resident departures, short-term	'000	1,132	1,310	1,837

HEALTH

Leading causes of death		1978	1983	1988
Heart disease	no.	38,512	38,170	38,754
Malignant neoplasms (cancer)	no.	21,887	25,587	29,562
Cerebrovascular disease				
(stroke)	no.	14,149	12,652	12,441
Respiratory disease	no.	7,491	7,776	9,036
Accidents	no.	6,613	5,511	5,751
Suicide	no.	1,595	1,726	2,197
Total deaths	no.	108,425	110,084	119,866

Hospitals at 30 June

		1987	1988	1989
Recognised (public)				
hospitals	no.	720	729	723
Private hospitals	no.	333	335	337
All hospitals	no.	1,053	1,064	1,060

Beds at 30 June

		1987	1988	1989
Recognised (public)				
hospitals	no.	66,159	65,793	65,013
Private hospitals	no.	21,427	21,657	22,067
All beds	no.	87,586	87,450	87,080
Beds	per '000 population	5.4	5.3	5.2

Source: Department of Community Services and Health

CRIMINAL OFFENCES

		1986	1987	1988
Murder	no.	299	309	294
Assault(a)	no.	55,783	62,041	71,412
Break and enter	no.	283,923	302,863	323,241
Motor vehicle theft	no.	132,959	125,427	126,903

(a) Includes serious and non-serious assault and sexual assault

LABOUR

		1987	1988	1989
Labour force				
Civilian labour force, May—males	'000	4,637	4,723	4,850
Civilian labour force, May—females	'000	3,102	3,225	3,398
Unemployed persons, May	'000	635	593	519
Job vacancies, May	'000	53.8	58.5	73.1
Trade union membership, June	'000	3,240.1	3,213.0	n.y.a.
Industrial disputes, work days				
lost, year ended 30 June	'000	1,126.9	1,690.5	1,282.4

Wages, weekly earnings and hours

Award rates of pay index—full-time				
adult employees at 30 June	1985=100	109.9	114.3	121.2
Average weekly earnings, all				
employees, November	\$	401.80	430.10	n.a.
Hours (incl. overtime), full-time				
non-managerial adult employees,				
November	no.	39.8	39.9	n.a.

FINANCE

		1985-86	1986-87	1987-88
Government finance				
Revenue (all governments)	\$m	85,874	96,875	108,941
Cw/ith income tax, persons	\$m	32,713	38,061	41,875
Other Cw/ith government taxes	\$m	26,023	28,050	32,809
State and local government taxes	\$m	14,292	16,170	18,948
Total outlay (all governments)	\$m	100,932	110,122	114,134
Final consumption expenditure	\$m	39,738	43,587	46,908
Personal benefit payments to residents	\$m	23,057	24,896	27,745
Expenditure on new fixed assets	\$m	16,979	18,428	17,246
Private finance				
		1986-87	1987-88	1988-89
Trading bank deposits(a)				
June balances	\$m	56,768	61,434	85,952
Savings bank deposits(a)				
June balances	\$m	52,504	61,783	71,567
Housing finance commitments to individuals				
Trading banks	\$m	1,091	2,149	2,736
Savings banks	\$m	9,296	14,027	16,068
Permanent building societies	\$m	2,070	3,636	3,045
Public unit trusts: total assets				
Listed	\$m	6,317	9,452	10,818
Unlisted	\$m	9,624	11,718	14,857
Cash management	\$m	3,371	3,690	3,749

(a) Source: Reserve Bank of Australia

PRODUCTION AND RETAIL SALES 1986-87 1987-88 1988-89

Agriculture				
Gross value of agriculture	\$m	17,167	20,152	p21,983
Crops	\$m	7,618	7,812	p9,260
Livestock slaughtering etc.	\$m	4,625	5,074	p4,912
Livestock products	\$m	4,916	7,256	p7,802
Wheat production	'000 t	16,119	12,287	p14,047
Wool production	'000 t	696	730	p759
Meat production	'000 t	2,387	2,474	p2,297
Mining				
Iron ore and concentrates(a)	'000 t	96,449	102,188	97,727
Black coal	'000 t	182,254	168,246	184,051
Crude oil (incl. condensate)	ML	31,520	31,264	28,429
Natural gas	GL	14,683	15,250	16,007
Manufacturing				
Steel ingots	'000 t	6,387	6,093	6,651
Cement	'000 t	5,920	6,158	6,901
Tobacco and cigarettes	'000 t	28	27	27
Beer	ML	1,859	1,891	1,951
Assembled motor vehicles	'000	323	337	360
Electricity	MkWh	130,122	136,869	144,854
Electric motors—under 720 W	'000	2,150	2,388	2,609
Yarn—cotton	t	21,161	20,667	20,332
Yarn—wool	t	23,059	23,085	21,458
Retail turnover (excluding motor vehicles, parts, petrol etc)				
	\$m	65,420	70,881	76,842

(a) Source: Bureau of Mineral Resources

PRICE INDEXES

		1986-87	1987-88	1988-89
Consumer (8 capital cities)	1980-81=100	162.6	174.5	187.3
Export	1974-75=100	243	265	283
Import	1981-82=100	159.6	162.0	p151.6
Building materials—House	1985-86=100	105.8	113.8	126.1
Building materials—Other	1979-80=100	180.9	196.8	214.9
Manufacturing				
Materials used	1984-85=100	105.4	111.4	113.1
Articles produced	1968-69=100	458.5	492.1	p526.0



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NATIONAL ACCOUNTS**1986-87 1987-88 1988-89**

Gross Domestic Product (GDP)	\$m	263,249	296,921	335,596
Gross farm product	\$m	9,323	11,249	12,897
GDP at 1984-85 prices	\$m	229,649	239,618	247,597
Gross farm product at 1984-85 prices	\$m	8,613	8,077	8,331
Gross fixed capital exp.—total	\$m	63,991	72,131	85,720
Gross fixed capital exp.—private	\$m	45,053	54,712	67,595
Household income	\$m	211,579	233,684	260,699
Private consumption expenditure	\$m	155,895	172,625	191,331

OVERSEAS TRANSACTIONS**1986-87 1987-88 1988-89****Foreign trade**

Total exports, f.o.b.	\$m	35,806	41,078	43,409
Total imports	\$m	36,988	40,597	47,064
Percentage of total exports to—				
Japan	%	25.4	26.0	27.3
EEC	%	15.7	15.6	13.8
Percentage of total imports from—				
Japan	%	20.8	19.3	20.7
USA	%	21.9	21.0	21.5
Major export commodities, f.o.b.				
Wool (greasy)	\$m	2,839	4,274	4,594
Meat (fresh, chilled, frozen)	\$m	2,249	2,559	2,032
Wheat	\$m	2,168	1,775	2,105
Machinery and transport equipment	\$m	2,612	2,732	2,690
Metalliferous ores and metal scrap	\$m	4,850	5,284	6,335
Coal, coke and briquettes	\$m	5,456	4,834	4,742
Sugar	\$m	659	669	918
Major import commodities				
Machinery	\$m	11,358	12,169	13,788
Transport equipment	\$m	4,031	4,199	6,845
Chemicals and related products	\$m	3,472	4,274	4,987

Balance of payments

Balance on current account	\$m	-12,899	-11,832	-17,426
Balance of merchandise trade (BOP basis)	\$m	-1,736	155	-4,075
Net services	\$m	-2,980	-2,469	-2,646
Net income	\$m	-9,396	-11,182	-12,979
Net unrequited transfers	\$m	1,213	1,664	2,274
Balance on capital account	\$m	8,923	8,571	12,160
Total official	\$m	2,185	498	-308
Total non-official	\$m	6,738	8,073	12,468

Exchange rates (period average)

United States dollar	units per \$A	0.6636	0.7290	0.8160
United Kingdom pound	units per \$A	0.4352	0.4167	0.4755
West German mark	units per \$A	1.280	1.262	1.512
Japanese yen	units per \$A	101.37	97.59	106.95

TRANSPORT**1986-87 1987-88 1988-89**

Motor vehicles on register, June(a)	000	9,374	9,544	n a
Cars and station wagons, June	000	7,073	7,244	n a
New motor vehicles registered(a)	000	492	489	588
Civil aviation (passenger km)				
Regular internal services	mil	12,043	13,278	n a
Overseas services (Australian airlines)	mil	21,259	n a	n a

(a) Includes motor cycles, excludes tractors, plant and equipment, caravans and trailers

BUILDING**1986-87 1987-88 1988-89**

New houses (completed)	000	91.5	92.8	115.4
New other dwellings (completed)	000	28.2	25.7	34.7
Value of new dwellings completed	\$m	6,796	7,334	10,444
Value of other buildings completed	\$m	7,759	9,851	12,323

Burnie	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	Darwin	Canberra
001.2	1,240.1	1,023.5	1,118.1	179.9	72.9	297.1
655	1,151	528	873	628	1,661	626
5.7	7.5	6.9	7.9	5.8	8.4	7.6
25.8	29.4	29.5	29.6	21.5	31.7	27.7
14.0	20.8	16.4	17.7	11.7	24.7	12.9
13.3	20.4	15.0	17.3	11.5	30.3	11.1
5.7	9.6	7.3	9.0	4.4	19.2	-0.3

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1,727	984	2,526	68	1,346	2	7,682
2,830.2	1,423.3	1,591.1	451.0	156.1	277.9	16,806.7
3.091	2,954	5,073	82	13	1	17,830
14.5	17.3	37.0	4.9	—	—	159.5
9.0	0.9	1.7	0.6	1.3	—	19.6
63.5	100.6	176.9	18.7	—	0.4	758.6
1,713	1,376	5,213	2	—	—	14,047
567	88	94	38	23	6	1,507
28	78	61	17	—	10	524
627	371	245	334	—	—	6,289
158	2	n.p.	26	n.p.	—	n.p.
—	1,975	97,967	2,260	—	—	102,202
664	—	434	12,561	—	—	13,667
65,819	2,557	3,702	405	—	—	136,428
1,685	2,169	(b)3,100	—	1,384	—	31,297
620	4,747	(b)3,887	—	275	—	14,751
3,479	1,854	2,576	437	123	6	17,273
n.a.	108	182	92	46	—	n.a.
2,970	789	4,079	208	866	3	13,606
17,255	11,086	9,417	3,243	451	349	133,820
12,445	13,155	13,513	12,731	14,483	18,092	14,440

s and Energy (c) Excludes single establishment manufacturing enterprises with fewer

INTERNATIONAL COMPARISONS: AUSTRALIA AND SELECTED COUNTRIES, 1988

<i>Country</i>	<i>Estimated population (millions)</i>	<i>Surface area km² ('000)</i>	<i>Population density (per km² of surface area)</i>
Australia	16.54	7,682.3	2
Canada	25.95	9,976.1	3
France	55.87	551.5	101
Germany (Fed. Rep. of)	61.17	248.6	246
Italy	57.44	301.3	191
Japan	122.09	377.8	323
Netherlands	14.76	40.8	362
New Zealand	3.29	268.7	12
Sweden	8.44	440.9	19
United Kingdom	57.08	244.1	234
United States of America	246.33	9,372.6	26

	<i>Birth rate (per 000)</i>	<i>Life expectancy at birth</i>		<i>Consumer price index 1980=100.0</i>
		<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	
Australia	14.9	73.08	79.45	188.9
Canada	14.5	71.88	78.98	161.8
France	13.8	71.04	75.02	171.8
Germany (Fed. Rep. of)	11.0	71.18	78.08	122.4
Italy	9.6	71.05	77.78	221.7
Japan	11.1	74.84	80.46	116.2
Netherlands	12.6	72.94	79.67	122.8
New Zealand	16.8	70.97	76.83	245.3
Sweden	13.3	73.79	79.68	176.7
United Kingdom	13.8	71.40	77.20	159.9
United States of America	15.9	71.20	78.20	143.6

Sources: For foreign countries.

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